

# Health News Release

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# State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health home page (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Clark County**

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the agency affiliated counselor credential of **Mark Edward Chapman** (CG60155261). Chapman experienced accountability issues at work and expressed doubt about his ability to work ethically. A psychological evaluation showed that Chapman has conditions that interfere with his ability to safely and/or effectively perform as a community corrections specialist.

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Cheriese N. Sellberg** (NC10089195) for at least five years. Sellberg assaulted a grocery store manager when stopped for suspicion of theft, fled the store, and left behind her purse, which contained heroin. She was convicted in 2014 of third-degree assault and third-degree theft.

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Lidia Alinchi** (NC10101121). The state Department of Social and Health Services determined that Alinchi abused a vulnerable adult after she put a client in a sleep suit the person

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was unable to remove. She's prohibited from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

#### **Cowlitz County**

In February 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Julia A. Karr** (NC10005813) for at least two years. Karr came to work at a hospital drunk. She later admitted to drinking alcohol before coming to work at least twice and to drinking alcohol on the job at least once.

### **Franklin County**

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Virginia Gordon** (NC10060731) that suspends her credential for at least 18 months. Gordon took money for her own use from a 92-year-old vulnerable resident at a senior living facility where she worked.

#### **King County**

In April 2015 the Dental Commission suspended the dental assistant credential of **Shamay Monique Haskin**, also known as Melody Harwell and Tabra Rene Cunningham, (D160058955) for at least five years. Haskin used a forged recommendation letter while seeking a job. She was also convicted in 2010 of third-degree theft and obstructing a public officer.

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Veronica Johnson** (NA60118942) for at least two years. While working for an agency that provided care for vulnerable adults, Johnson took a client's laptop under the pretense that she would have it repaired. For about a year, Johnson disregarded requests to return the computer until a police detective warned her that a warrant for her arrest could be issued. She can't be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Karla K. Linville** (NA00164237) for at least three years. Linville stole controlled substances from a client who was unable to care for himself.

In April 2015 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the dentist credential of **Gary David Pyfer** (DE00004974). Pyfer didn't pay fees he owed the Department of Health.

#### **Lewis County**

In November 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Susan Renea Troit**, also known as Susie R. Towne (NA60324887 and NC10075645). Troit didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

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#### **Pierce County**

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Natalya Sergey Glavan** (NA60207925) for at least two years. Glavan was convicted in 2012 of reckless driving. She was also convicted in 2014 of unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance.

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Sara S. Morales** (NC10062782) for at least four years. Morales kicked a patient at a skilled nursing facility where she worked.

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Jonas Thermidor** (NC10072964). Contrary to a care plan, Thermidor left a patient unattended on a toilet for 15 minutes.

#### **Snohomish County**

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Marie-Josee Harimenshi** (NC10094129). She didn't respond to a statement of charges after the Nursing Commission put her licensed practical nurse credential on probation.

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Guy James Richardson** (NC60416073) under which his credential is indefinitely suspended. While working at a nursing home, Richardson didn't follow a care plan that required two people to transfer a resident onto his bed. The resident fell and hurt his forehead.

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Marisa Louise Bailey** (NC60238903) for at least two years. She diverted narcotic pain medication for her own use while working at an assisted living facility. The state Department of Social and Health Services also determined that Bailey financially exploited a vulnerable adult. She's barred her from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

#### **Spokane County**

In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Stephen Thomas Evert** (NA60217184). Evert verbally and mentally abused two vulnerable adults at an adult family home where he was a co-owner. He forced another resident, who was legally blind, to be in charge of her own medications. Evert told her that he hoped she'd overdose, adding he'd abandon her at an emergency room. He also published confidential patient information on the adult family home's website and didn't ensure an employee received a required skin test.

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## **Thurston County**

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the physical therapist credential of **Scott O. Ensign** (PT00006701) for at least five years. Ensign repeatedly engaged in intimate sexual contact with a patient.

#### Yakima County

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Sarah Elizabeth Heidt** (NA60240178 and NC60268803) for at least five years. Heidt stole oxycodone intended for a patient at the adult family home where she worked, replaced the medication with melted Popsicle juice, and took the drugs home for her own use.

#### **Out of State**

**California:** In April 2015 **Ming Lei** agreed to cease and desist from the practice of massage and pay a \$1,000 fine. Lei, who has no massage practitioner license, owns a Yakima business that advertises massage.

**California:** In April 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Paul Allen Casey** (RN00112183) after he didn't comply with a 2014 order requiring him to complete a refresher course.

**Montana:** In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Shannon Leigh Shannon** (NA60274193) after she didn't respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry about a complaint filed against her.

**Oregon:** In March 2015 the Dental Commission entered into an agreement with dentist **Delon Karsten Gilbert** (DE60361877) that indefinitely suspends his credential. Gilbert pled no contest to unlawful possession of cocaine in Oregon in 2013.

**Oregon:** In April 2015 the Nursing Commission first charged registered nurse **Joshua Lee Shepherd** (RN60254072) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended his credential. Shepherd's Oregon license was then suspended.

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